

## For Immediate Release



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**What:** "Forest" and "Koi Pond," two art installations exploring our relationship to nature

**When:** Forest: April 15 - May 12, 2010 7am - 11pm daily

Koi Pond: April 20 - 25, 2010 10am - 5pm daily

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**Web:** www.artsworldfinancialcenter.com

**Where:** World Financial Center Winter Garden

**Cost:** Free – No tickets or reservations required

### **ARTS WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER CELEBRATES EARTH DAY WITH**

#### **INDOOR OASIS OF ART, APRIL 15-MAY 12**

*"Forest" and "Koi Pond" part of NY's Greenest, Battery Park City's Earth Day celebration designed to inspire environmental awareness, education, and appreciation*

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New York, NY (April 9, 2010) – A unique pair of art installations will turn the World Financial Center Winter Garden into an indoor oasis just in time for Earth Day this month.

As part of "NY's Greenest," Battery Park City's Earth Day celebration, Arts World Financial Center will host *Forest*, a miniature forest made of used clothing, and *Koi Pond*, a life-like floor painting, in its spectacular glass-vaulted Winter Garden.

From April 15–May 12, the Winter Garden will be home to *Forest*, a sculptural installation that transforms used clothing into a natural landscape in miniature, with cloth branches decked in foliage made of textured fabric. Created by artists Suzanne and Mathilde Husky, *Forest* explores issues of natural resource exploitation and is part of a benefit exhibition entitled "What Matters Most?" at NYC's Exit Art organized by ecoartspace, a bicoastal non-profit platform for artists addressing environmental issues since 1999.

The indoor oasis will expand the following week with *Koi Pond*, a chalk pastel painting by artists Rod Tryon and Anthony Cappetto of Art for After Hours. From April 20–23, visitors can watch the piece come to life as the pair work in a traditional "street painting" technique to create a life-like image of a koi pond on the Winter Garden floor. The piece will remain on display for two days after its completion.

"As New York City's greenest community, there's no better place to celebrate Earth Day's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary than in Battery Park City," said Debra Simon, Executive and Artistic Director of Arts World Financial Center. "Our two spectacular art exhibitions achieve a perfect balance between fun and enlightenment."

#### **About Arts World Financial Center**

Now in its 22nd season, Arts World Financial Center is the East Coast's largest presenter of free, year-round performing and visual arts. Other spring season highlights include *Wisdom*, a photo exhibit of

iconic figures over 65; *Weather Beacon*, a kinetic multi-media sculpture; the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Teen Exhibition, showcasing the work of outstanding teenaged artists and writers; and a three-week run of New York Classical Theatre's *Hamlet, Prince of Denmark* to be performed throughout nearly 3.5 acres of the sprawling World Financial Center. A leading showcase for visual and performing arts, the artistic process is made accessible in a free, open and interactive manner to workers, residents and the broader public of cultural consumers.

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